

In the Specification:
(referring to the SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION
filed on November 25, 2003)

Please add a new heading at page 1, above line 9, as follows:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the Title at page 1, line 9 with a replacement
Title amended as follows:

MUFFLER ENGINE EXHAUST MUFFLER WITH GUIDE VANES IMPARTING
A SUCCESSIVELY ALTERNATING SPIRAL SWIRL GAS FLOW

Please replace the heading at page 1, line 12 with a replacement
heading amended as follows:

DESCRIPTION FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please add a new heading at page 1, above line 23, as follows:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please add a new heading at page 3, above line 6, as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 13 to 22, with a
replacement paragraph amended as follows:

To achieve this object, the invention provides a respective
~~makes provision, by means of the features of the defining~~
~~part of patent claim 1, for a disk-shaped body having slots~~
~~to be provided in each case as each deflecting element and~~
~~to extend element.~~ Each disk-shaped body extends over the
cross section of the housing chamber, and ~~[[for]]~~ includes

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guiding elements which bound the slots, and which are ~~in the manner have the form~~ of guide vanes ~~and belong to adjacent, vanes.~~ The guide vanes of adjacent or successive disk-shaped bodies are respectively pitched or angled in opposite directions so as to deflect the flow in ~~different~~ opposite directions with respect to the main axis of the housing.

Please add a new heading at page 5, above line 13, as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add a new heading at page 6, above line 15, as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EXAMPLE EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 12 to 20, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

The guiding elements 18 of each deflecting element 13 to 16 are inclined or angled at a uniform setting angle α of, for example, 15° ~~(preferably between $^\circ$ and $^\circ$)~~ with respect to the respectively associated radial planes 19. The setting angles α of respectively adjacent deflecting elements are expediently set positively or negatively, as emerges from fig. 2. A flow which is originally essentially directed axially is therefore correspondingly deflected in each case.

Please add a new paragraph at page 10, above line 14, as follows:

As shown in figs. 3, 4 and 5, each sector-shaped guide vane 18 thus has a free leading edge and a free trailing edge, with a respective open slot 18' formed between the trailing edge of one guide vane 18 and the neighboring leading edge of the neighboring guide vane 18 of a given deflecting element 13, 14, 15 or 16.

[RESPONSE CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE]